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The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A lists seven (7) references of which Applicants are aware. The references, copies of which are enclosed, were cited in a Search Report prepared by the German Patent Office in a corresponding German application. A copy of the German Search Report is enclosed.

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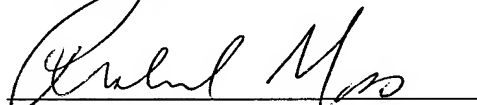
Additionally, a copy of each of the listed references is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be made of record in this application. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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The above papers are being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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